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1. THE FLARE-UP BETWEEN THE CYPRIOT AND TURKISH DELEGATONS
WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK AT THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES (REFTEL)
REOCCURRED ON AUGUST 24, WITH THE LEGITIMACY OF THE GOC
DELEGATION AS THE ISSUE. BOTH SIDES CIRCULATED AS
CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS SHORT PAPERS PRESENTING THEIR OWN
RESPECTIVE VIEWPOINTS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE GOC DELEGATION
REPRESENTED ALL OF CYPRUS.

2. ON AUGUST 22 THE TURKISH DELEGATE, PROFESSOR TALIP YUGEL,
CIRCULATED THE TEXT OF A LETTER SENT TO THE CONFERENCE BY
TELEGRAM FROM TFSC PRESIDENT DENKTASH POINTING OUT THAT
CYPRUS IS A BINATIONAL STATE, COMPOSED SINCE 1974 OF TWO
SEPARATE COMMUNITIES, "EACH EXERCISING CONTROL AND AUTHORITY
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OVER ITS RESPECTIVE GEOGRAPHIC REGION." DENKTASH, IN HIS
LETTER, POINTED OUT AMONG OTHER ARGUMENTS HE CITED, THAT THE
GUARANTOR POWERS RECOGNIZED THE TWO COMMUNAL ADMINISTRATIONS
IN CYPRUS BY THEIR GENEVA DECLARATION DATED JULY 30, 1974.
LIKEWISE, HE NOTED THAT THE UNGA IN ITS RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 1, 1974,

RECOGNIZED THE EXISTENCE OF TWO COMMUNITIES, AND, INTER ALIA,

THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM OF CYPRUS SHOULD BE DECIDED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS HELD ON THE BASIS OF "EQUAL FOOTING." FINALLY, WROTE DENKTASH, THE "MOST" THE GREEK CYPRIOT DELEGATION CAN DO IS REPRESENT ITS OWN COMMUNITY AND ADMINISTRATION IN CYPRUS.

3. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR KRANIDIOTIS' RESPONSE REGRETTED THE TURKISH DELEGATION'S CIRCULATING A LETTER FROM A "SO-CALLED STATE WHICH IS NEITHER A LEGAL ENTITY NOR IS IT RECOGNIZED BY ANY OTHER STATE OR ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION," POINTING OUT THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND ITS GOVERNMENT ARE RECOGNIZED BY ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA. THE CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR CITED A SERIES OF UN RESOLUTIONS AND RELATED MATERIAL IN SUPPORT OF THE GOC'S POSITION THAT IT REPRESENTS THE WHOLE OF CYPRUS, WHILE ARGUING THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE TFSC HAD BEEN REJECTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. HE UNDERLINED THAT ACCORDING TO THE LOGIC OF THE TURKISH ARGUMENT, TURKEY SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE MORE DELEGATION AT THE CONFERENCE "TO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY OF KURDS LIVING IN TURKEY." IN SUM, HE CONTENDED HIS DELEGATION REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND NOT JUST ONE COMMUNITY OR THE OTHER.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE PRESS HERE HAS GIVEN THE CLASH SOME COVERAGE, OUR DELEGATION REPORTS THAT IT HAS HAD ONLY VERY MINOR IMPACT AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. AND MOST DELEGATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPARENTLY HOPE THAT THE CIRCULATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS WILL END THE MATTER. BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THE ANTAGONISM MAY SURFACE AGAIN ON AUGUST 29 AT THE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION FO COUNTRY REPORTS. FURTHERMORE, THE CYPRIOT DELEGATION IS PUSHING FOR A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING STATES WHICH CHANGE TRADITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NAMES IN AREAS UNDER MILITARY OCCUPATION, A RESOLUTION OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AT TURKEY, ALTHOUGH NO PARTICULAR COUNTRY HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT, AT LEAST SO FAR IN THE INITIAL DISCUSSION ABOUT SUCH A RESOLUTION.

5. WE ARE POUCHING RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO EUR/SE.
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